

## House Resolution 1773

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Fannin County, Georgia, as the Trout Capital of Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fannin County, Georgia, is home to 13 bodies of water that have been  
4 designated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as trout waters, with numerous  
5 unnamed waters also comprising the richest, most diverse, productive trout fisheries in  
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the waters of Fannin County are magnificent resources for trout fishing and  
8 other enjoyable aquatic past times, with over 550 miles of beautiful water; and

9 WHEREAS, Fannin County is blessed with trout waters that provide significant sporting and  
10 outdoor resources which attract numerous tourists and second home owners and retirees to  
11 the State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, Fannin County has long been an attraction for those desiring to enjoy Georgia's  
13 wonderful outdoors and abundant natural resources in a community with a friendly and  
14 welcoming atmosphere; and

15 WHEREAS, fishermen and women from around the country travel to fish the Toccoa River  
16 in Fannin County; and

17 WHEREAS, the Toccoa River's magnificent all-season Tailwater fishery has water  
18 conditions which provide a quality habitat for invertebrate and other trout prey and is  
19 regularly stocked with brown, rainbow, and brook trout; and

20 WHEREAS, the all-season fishing available in the Toccoa Tailwater provides a diverse  
21 alternative from other fisheries in Georgia, with winter fishing providing the opportunity for  
22 bigger catches during colder months; and

23 WHEREAS, the miles of streams in Fannin County support the area's only native species,  
24 the Eastern Brook trout, which has been preserved, protected, and restored on public lands  
25 by the Department of Natural Resources, the United States Forest Service, and  
26 conservation-minded groups like Trout Unlimited and North Georgia Trout Online; and

27 WHEREAS, the federal trout hatchery in the Chattahoochee National Forest is located in  
28 Fannin County and is not only a resource for stocking fish, but serves as a tourist attraction  
29 and education center; and

30 WHEREAS, this central location is home to numerous trout farms and ponds, and trout is a  
31 feature item on local restaurant menus.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize Fannin County, Georgia, as the Trout Capital of Georgia  
34 for its the abundance of trout fishing opportunities.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Fannin County, Georgia.